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Senate Bill \_\_\_\_\_  
By \_\_\_\_\_

House No. HJR0121  
By Purcell

A RESOLUTION to ratify the proposed amendment to the  
Constitution of the United States of America  
relative to a balanced federal budget.

WHEREAS, the 104th Congress of the United States of America, at its first session, by a  
two-thirds (2/3) majority of both Houses, has made the following proposition to amend the  
Constitution of the United States of America in the following words, to wit:

“HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1

Proposing a balanced budget amendment to the Constitution of the United  
States.

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of  
America in Congress assembled (two-thirds of each House concurring therein), That the  
following article is proposed as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States,  
which shall be valid to all intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when ratified  
by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several States within seven years after the date  
of its submission to the States for ratification:

“ARTICLE \_\_\_\_

"SECTION 1. Total outlays for any fiscal year shall not exceed total receipts for that fiscal year, unless three-fifths of the whole number of each House of Congress shall provide by law for a specific excess of outlays over receipts by a rollcall vote.

"SECTION 2. The limit on the debt of the United States held by the public shall not be increased, unless three-fifths of the whole number of each House shall provide by law for such an increase by a rollcall vote.

"SECTION 3. Prior to each fiscal year, the President shall transmit to the Congress a proposed budget for the United States Government for that fiscal year in which total outlays do not exceed total receipts.

"SECTION 4. No bill to increase revenue shall become law unless approved by a majority of the whole number of each House by a rollcall vote.

"SECTION 5. The Congress may waive the provisions of this article for any fiscal year in which a declaration of war is in effect. The provisions of this article may be waived for any fiscal year in which the United States is engaged in military conflict which causes an imminent and serious military threat to national security and is so declared by a joint resolution, adopted by a majority of the whole number of each House, which becomes law.

"SECTION 6. The Congress shall enforce and implement this article by appropriate legislation, which may rely on estimates of outlays and receipts.

"SECTION 7. Total receipts shall include all receipts of the United States Government except those derived from borrowing. Total outlays shall include all outlays of the United States Government except for those for repayment of debt principal.

"SECTION 8. This article shall take effect beginning with fiscal year 2002 or with the second fiscal year beginning after its ratification, whichever is later."

; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the proposed amendment to the Constitution of the United States of America quoted in the preamble of this resolution is ratified.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded by the Secretary of State to the Governor of the State of Tennessee; the Administrator of General Services, Washington, D. C.; the President and the Secretary of the Senate of the U. S. Congress; and the Speaker and the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the U. S. Congress.

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